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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON

1. SPOKE TO BOUTROS AT 0845 LOCAL. SAID WE HAD MADE
STRENUOUS DEMARCHES TO ISRAELIS YESTERDAY EVENING AND BELIEVED
THEY WOULD HAVE POSITIVE EFFECT. WE HAD NO NEWS FROM KAWKABA
YET AND I COULD NOT CONFIRM CHANGE IN ISRAELI ATTITUDE,
BUT NOTED RADIO REPORTS ON BBC AND ELSEWHERE INDICATING
THERE HAD BEEN SHIFT UNDER US PRESSURE.

2. BOUTROS SAID HE HAD AS YET NO REPORT ON THIS MORNING'S
SITUATION IN KAWKABA. KHADDAM IS ARRIVING AT 10 BUT I AM
TO INTERRUPT THEIR MEETING IF WE HAVE ANY NEWS.

3. RE PARA 1 JERUSALEM'S 2106, PERHAPS TUENI HAD MADE UP
HIS OWN MIND ALONG LINES REPORTED BY SAUNDERS EARLIER

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IN MORNING, BUT FULLER REPORT WHICH SAUNDERS GAVE ME ON
TELEPHONE SOUNDED AS THOUGH TUENI WAS QUOTING FROM PARAS
3, 4 AND 5 OF STATE 194462, WHICH I SHOWED TO HIM AT
PALACE YESTERDAY MORNING.

4. CONVERSATIONS WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND MY BRITISH
COLLEAGUE SINCE DRAFTING ABOVE MAKE IT CLEAR THAT

THERE IS DIVISION WITHIN GOVERNMENT, AS INTIMATED TO ME BY
BOUTROS LAST NIGHT, ABOUT WHETHER TO ADOPT PRAGATIC SOLUTION
OR TO STICK TO GUNS ON HADDAD ISSUE, I.E., TO INSIST THAT
IT BE RESOLVED BEFORE TROOPS CONTINUE. BOUTROS TOLD BRITISH
AMBASSADOR HE FAVORED APPROACH WE ARE SUGGESTING, I.E., PUT
HADDAD IN ICE BOX AND MOVE TO TIBNIN, BUT OTHERS WERE OPPOSING.
HE SAID HE MIGHT BE ASKING BRITISH TO SPEAK MORE WIDELY ON
SUBJECT LATER IN DAY. PRESUME HE WOULD ALSO ASK US TO DO SO,
EXCEPT THAT MINISTER OF INTERIOR SAYS GOL PRETTY SORE AT US
OVER THIS AFFAIR.
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